

FOREWORD

“District of Columbia Cancer Incidence and Mortality Report - 1999” is a combined cancer incidence and cancer mortality publication of the Department of Health, Preventive Health Services Administration, Division of Cancer Control, and Cancer Registry (DCCR). It contains data on cancer cases diagnosed in 1999 by site as well as information collected on mortality data supplied by the DC Center for Health Statistics. The data presented can be used by public and private health officials, hospital administrators, managed care organizations, physicians, concerned citizens, and other not for profit organizations to assess and monitor trends related to specific cancers, plan prevention and intervention efforts, target high risk populations for increased screening and treatment services, and prioritize health funding. DCCR has been certified for achievement of “Gold Standard” for data of 1997, 1998, and 1999 by North American Association of Central Cancer Registries.

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